

pleasure to announce that the last six months have been by far the most prosperous of any similar six months since we have been in the office.

#### THE INDIANA CONFERENCE.

The Indiana State Conference held at North Manchester, October 5, 6, 7 and 8, was a great meeting in every sense of that term. Great in attendance, great in enthusiasm and zeal, great in the amount of work done and great in the way it was done, great in its support of the Publishing House, great in every way. The number of delegates was equal to if not greater than that of the National Conference, and the attendance of those not delegates was proportionately large. From the opening session to the closing one we were impressed with the manner in which these people do business for the Lord. For the first time we met with them in this capacity, and we can truthfully say that it was one of the best if not the best conference it has ever been our privilege to attend. The Brethren church in the state of Indiana is awake to all the interests of the entire brotherhood and has the cause very close at heart. Into the details of the work of this conference we do not wish to enter. The secretary, Brother Miller, will furnish a complete report which will be published in a future issue. Suffice it to say that it was an enthusiastic meeting and all the different departments of church work received their share of attention. The conference was unanimous in its support of the mission cause, not only State, but National also. Above one hundred dollars was raised for the Chicago Mission, and several hundred dollars with which to keep an evangelist in the field all the time. The enthusiasm was of the practical kind, not of the "wild" kind that loses its "head," but enthusiasm mingled with good sense and sound judgment, the kind that passes resolutions and *carries them out*. The people come together to do business for the Lord and they do not hurry things. They allowed themselves four days in which to do the work, thus giving time for deliberation, thought and reflection. Our sales, including subscriptions to the EVANGELIST, amount to \$116, of which \$98 was cash. The combined business of the three state conferences which we attended in the spring fell below this amount, and the National Conference itself comes short by about \$40.

We are sorry that our brother D. C. Moomaw could not be at this conference to write up the "personnel" for publica-

tion. It is more than we wish to undertake. Brother Teeter, the moderator, presides over the deliberations of the meeting with a senatorial dignity that leaves no one in doubt as to his fitness for that responsible position. Brother W. H. Miller, the secretary, read at the opening of each session carefully prepared minutes of the work of the previous session. Brother Fox, pastor of the North Manchester church, is one of those unassuming "little great" men who seek no honor, but who do a great deal of hard work. He, with the good people of his congregation, made such ample provision for the comfortable entertainment of all strangers as to call forth many expressions of surprise and gratitude from the recipients of such royal treatment. The young men in the state are gradually developing and their power is being felt. Many of them have been and are in training under Brother Perry and the result of the instruction is being felt by those to whom these young men minister. The work of Brother Perry deserves the recognition and encouragement of the church.

The conference will please accept our thanks for the reception it has given to the editor and the cause he represents.

#### THE ANNUAL FOR 1898.

For the Church Year Book of 1898 we desire to gather as much useful information as is possible to crowd into its pages. We invite pastors all over the brotherhood to assist us in this work. Your help is necessary to make it a success. If your church has had a revival within the last year, please report to us the result of the meeting. If a new church has been erected by your congregation or in your community, kindly furnish us the dimensions, the cost of building and the time of dedication and by whom. We want the names of the members of the different district Mission Boards, the National Organization of the S. S. C. E., etc. The work, the needs and the prospects of the Chicago, the Washington and the Dayton Missions should have a place in this Annual. Brother Martin Shively has already furnished us a model report of the work in California, including the following: The Ministerial list; the State Mission Board; the conference organization, when held, etc.; the S. S. C. E., and its work; the name and location of each local congregation in the State, giving the present pastor, numerical strength; the Sunday-school and its work. The report is brief and yet

very complete. We greatly wish that some one in each State would furnish us a similar report for the coming Annual. Can not the chairman of the State conference do this? If you wish your name changed in the Annual please give us instructions as to name and address.

#### MADE PLAIN.

There are those who do not seem to understand the announcement of the Board touching the \$1.00 and \$1.50 subscriptions. Permit us to make this matter plain to you. 1. All new subscribers are taken at \$1.00 up to December 1. After that it will be \$1.50. 2. All subscriptions expiring between this and December 1, can renew at \$1.00. Those expiring after that at \$1.50. In other words, all subscriptions whether new or those expiring before Dec. 1, will be taken at \$1.00. All subscriptions whether new or old will be \$1.50 after Dec. 1. The reasonableness of the plan is obvious. Those who subscribed last year before Dec. 1, paid \$1.50; it is only fair that they should now have it at \$1.00. The plan gives each one an opportunity to get the paper for \$1.00, except new subscribers who neglect to subscribe between this and Dec. 1. This will be their, not our, fault. Hence the importance of making this announcement known to the whole church.

#### THOSE FIVE HUNDRED.

We do not yet have the five hundred subscribers but we are pleased to report very commendable progress. The last ten days have increased the number three-fold. Brethren, has it ever occurred to you what 1,000 new subscribers to the EVANGELIST would mean? It would mean in the first place 4,000 more readers, and this would mean increased power and influence for all the various enterprises of the church. It would make it far easier to collect the college apportionment; the young people's society would add to its number and increase its usefulness; the S. S. C. E. would become a yet greater power for good; it would extend the influence of the gospel-alone doctrine of the Brethren church, very largely increase our means and power for effective missionary work, make the local work of the congregation easier, and last but not least pay the entire expenses of the office for one-fourth of a year. With all these things in view is it not worth the effort of every one who now reads the paper to get a new subscriber? It certainly is. There is no